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PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION

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(SBU) We delivered demarche and talking points on the Palestinian draft General Assembly resolution regarding the Observer Mission's representation to MFA International Organizations Department Head Levon Mkrtumyan April 27 per reftel instructions. Mkrtumyan said that Armenia was "not ready to commit" regarding the resolution because Armenian FM Oskanian had not yet discussed the issue with Armenia's mission in New York. Mkrtumyan noted, however, that the GOAM felt it had "cooperated and voted well with Washington" during recent UNCHR meetings in Geneva on the Cuba and China resolutions. He hinted that, given GOAM cooperation on these votes, the GOAM did not feel a great deal of pressure to side with the USG on this issue. He said, however, that the GOAM's mission in New York would take all opinions into account over the next few days.

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